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FEASIBILITY OF RESTRUCTURING EXISTING DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES' POSITIONS TO SUPPORT THE KATIE A. SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

On August 21, 2007, on motion of Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, your Board directed the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to report back during the Supplemental Budget process on whether any of the new Department of Children and Family Services' (DCFS) items that the Board approved in Fiscal Year 2006-07 can be restructured to perform duties that support the Katie A. settlement.

We met with representatives from DCFS to determine whether the Board approved positions added to the Department's budget in FY 2006-07 can be restructured to perform duties that support the Katie A. settlement. In addition, we analyzed the Department's Item Control and determined that there are vacant positions similar to the classifications DCFS requested to comply with Katie A. After continued discussions with DCFS on the intended utilization of the vacant positions, it was determined that they are needed to strengthen the department's administrative functions and to meet program outcome requirements identified as part of the Title IV-E Capped Allocation Demonstration Project Plan. The Department also indicated that they intend to fill these positions within the next 90 days.

Therefore, the Board approved positions added in FY 2006-07 are unavailable to be reallocated to meet the requirements of the Katie A. settlement agreement at this time.

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However, we will continue to monitor these positions to ensure that they are filled in a timely manner. To the extent that these positions are not filled within a reasonable time frame, we will re-open discussions with the Department to determine whether the remaining unfilled positions can be redirected to support the Katie A. settlement agreement.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me, or your staff may contact Lynn Cao at (213) 893-1216 or Brian Mahan at (213) 974-1318.

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